

In re Application of: Mahler et al.
Serial No.: 10/026,931
Attorney Docket: 966927-00007
(Old S&H Docket No. 0273-0007)

In the claims:

Contrary to the Examiner's assertion that only claims 12-21 are pending in this application, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 12-23 are instead pending. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 27, 2001, canceling claims 1-11, and entering claims 12-23 is enclosed herewith. Applicants have not withdrawn nor canceled new claims 22 and 23. The said preliminary amendment is incorporated herein by reference, and the Examiner is requested to enter claims 22 and 23 relating back to the date of filing of the preliminary amendment.